

I work for Nordex USA, Inc. in Chicago, IL and I am a major proponent for renewable energies. **Nordex USA, Inc.** is a leading manufacturer of utility scale wind turbines. We entered the US market in September 2008, establishing our headquarters in Chicago, investing \$42 million in a production facility in Jonesboro, Arkansas and servicing wind farms spread across the United States, employing many. Last year, according to the MAKE Report of March 2012, we were sixth largest in terms of turbine installations among a field of 27 competitors. As an important participant in the wind industry, we urge Congress to extend the wind energy Production Tax Credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Without the certainty of this business incentive beyond this year, however, American jobs and investment dollars are at risk. The American wind industry needs policy certainty in order to continue to contribute economic growth. Supporting renewable energy aids America in energy independence and reduces natural resource deletion and environmental degradation, which benefits Americans' health and safety. I speak on behalf on many when I say, I hope the Ways and Means Committee will take up the PTC extension right away.